(c) to (e) There are no reports from. States^Jnion Territory Governments regarding packaging of baby foods in tins made from defective tin plates. However, instances of packaging of edible oils in tins made from defective tin plats have been reported in the past. The State Governments have been alerted to keep a strict vigil on the market. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is separately taking steps to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, so as to provide for the use of Indian Standard grade tin for making the containers for food packaging.

W.T.O, agreement on Anti-Dumping Duties

555. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether W.T.O. Agreement on anti-dumping duties is being followed by all developed/under-developed countries of the world;

(b) if so, the names of those countries which are following W.T.O. Agreement and those who are not following;

(c) how many anti-dumping cases have been lodged^disposed off pending during the last three years before the anti-dumping authority; and

(d) whether Government have found decisions taken by the antidumping authority in favour of Indian Industry?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) All members of W.T.O, who implement anti-dumping duties, are required to follow the provisions and obligations under the W.T.O. Agreement in their respective national legislations.

(b) The Anti-Dumping Directorate under the Designated Authority has received various petitions since Jan. 1997 from the domestic industry for imposition of Anti-dumping duty. The details are given below:

(i) Petitions lodged	65
(ii) Cases where final duties have been imposed	19
(iii) Cases where preliminary duties imposed and Final duties are pending	13

(iv) Cases under investigation for provisional Duties	8
(v) Closed cases	21
(vi) Fresh petitions	4

(d) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping set up under the control of Designated Authority investigates the existence and degree of dumping, identifies the dumped article, submits' its findings, provisional and/or final to the Central Government recommending the amount of Anti-dumping duty to be levied. This is a continuous process and as and when new petitions alleging dumping and injury are submitted, by domestic industry they are processed as per the procedures and within the time limits specified under the Antidumping rules. The above action taken by the Anti-dumping Directorate safeguards against unfair trade practices against the Domestic Industry, in case dumping of goods and injury thereof is proved.

Decline in Export of Minerals from Orissa

556. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp decline in the export of iron ore, bauxite and manganese from Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the target set in this regard for Eighth plan and the achievement made (year-wise);

(d) the steps taken by MMTC and other concerned agencies to increase the export of these minerals from Orissa and other mineral producing states;

(e) the target fixed for ninth plan; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Iron-ore exports from Orissa through Paradeep Port have declined in the last two years. There is no export of manganese ore and bauxite through Paradeep Port. The decline in export of iron ore from the Orissa state is largely due to